

**Washington, D.C.** - Congresswoman Bean released the following statement in response to the President's commutation of I. Scooter Libby's sentence:

**"While the President certainly has the authority to commute a sentence, his decision to do so for Scooter Libby is disappointing. Americans respect our legal system and the rule of law. The President's action is out of step with the country and furthers cynicism about our government."**

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